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In response to the Final Office action of March 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Original) A method for storing a scrambled digital program comprising:
receiving the scrambled program;
receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the scrambled program;
selecting at least one of the access requirements;
storing the scrambled program and the selected at least one access requirement.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each access requirement is included in a packet identifier (PID).

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising filtering the selected access requirement with a filtering function that receives the plurality of access requirements at an input and permits the selected access requirement to pass to an output.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the output of the filtering function is delivered to an input of a digital storage medium.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the access requirements are selected from the group comprising pay per view, pay per time, impulse pay per view, time based historical, pay per time, repurchase of copy never movies, and personal scrambling.

6.   (Original) A copy management method for controlling the recording and reproduction of digital content comprising:
receiving a digital bitstream including program data, said program data including system information and said digital content in a scrambled format;

descrambling said digital content in a scrambled format to provide a first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

re-scrambling said digital content in a descrambled format to provide a second output including said digital content in a re-scrambled format;

outputting said first output including said digital content in a descrambled format and a second output including said digital content in a re-scrambled format;

receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the program data;

selecting at least one of the access requirements;

storing the scrambled program data and the selected at least one access requirement.

7.   (Original) The copy management method of claim 6, further comprising receiving and recording said digital content of said second output in a scrambled format.

8.   (Original) The copy management method of claim 6, further comprising:

demultiplexing said digital content from said program data; and

decompressing said digital content in a descrambled format to a decompressed state.

9.   (Original) The copy management method of claim 6, wherein said decompressing is executed in an MPEG decoder.

10.   (Original) The copy management method of claim 6, wherein said digital content is content contained in digital television transmissions.

11.   (Original) The copy management method of claim 6, wherein said digital content is content downloaded from the Internet.

12.   (Original) The copy management method of claim 6, wherein said descrambling and re-scrambling steps are carried out in a first conditional access unit.

13. (Original) The copy management system of claim 6, wherein said descrambling step is carried out in a first conditional access unit, and said re-scrambling step is carried out in a second conditional access unit.

14. (Original) The copy management system of claim 6, wherein said descrambling step comprises:

extracting a descrambling key included in said program data; and

applying said descrambling key to said digital content in a scrambled format to provide said digital content in a descrambled format.

15. (Original) The copy management system of claim 6, wherein said descrambling key is used to re-scramble said digital content.

16. (Original) A copy management method for controlling the recording and reproduction of digital content comprising:

receiving a digital bitstream including program data, said program data including system information and said digital content in a scrambled format;

descrambling said digital content in a scrambled format to provide a first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

outputting said first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

outputting a second output including said digital content in a scrambled format;

receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the scrambled program;

selecting at least one of the access requirements;

storing the scrambled program data and the selected at least one access requirement.

17. (Original) The copy management method of claim 16, further comprising receiving and recording said digital content of said second output in a scrambled format.

18. (Original) The copy management method of claim 16, further comprising:

demultiplexing said digital content from said program data; and

decompressing said digital content in a descrambled format to a decompressed state.

19.   (Original) The copy management method of claim 16, wherein said decompressing is executed in an MPEG decoder.

20.   (Original) The copy management method of claim 16, wherein said digital content is content contained in digital television transmissions.

21.   (Original) The copy management method of claim 16, wherein said digital content is downloaded from the Internet.

22.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 16, wherein said descrambling comprises:

extracting a descrambling key included in said program data; and

applying said descrambling key to said digital content in a scrambled format to provide said digital content in a descrambled format.

23.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus for storing a scrambled digital program comprising:

a receiver to receive the scrambled program and to receive a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the scrambled program;

a selector to select at least one of the access requirements; and

a memory to store the scrambled program and the selected at least one access requirement.

24.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein each access requirement is included in a packet identifier (PID).

25.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising a filter to filter the selected access requirement with a filtering function that receives the plurality of access requirements at an input and permits the selected access requirement to pass to an output.

26.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the output of the filtering function is delivered to an input of a digital storage medium.

27.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the access requirements are selected from the group comprising pay per view, pay per time, impulse pay per view, time based historical, pay per time, repurchase of copy never movies, and personal scrambling.

28.   (Original) A copy management system for controlling the recording and reproduction of digital content comprising:

means for receiving a digital bitstream including program data, said program data including system information and said digital content in a scrambled format;

means for descrambling said digital content in a scrambled format to provide a first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

means for re-scrambling said digital content in a descrambled format to provide a second output including said digital content in a re-scrambled format;

means for outputting said first output including said digital content in a descrambled format and a second output including said digital content in a re-scrambled format;

means for receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the program data;

means for selecting at least one of the access requirements;

means for storing the scrambled program data and the selected at least one access requirement.

29.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 28, further comprising means for receiving and recording said digital content of said second output in a scrambled format.

30.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 28, further comprising:

demultiplexing said digital content from said program data; and

decompressing said digital content in a descrambled format to a decompressed state.

31.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 28, wherein said decompressing is executed in an MPEG decoder.

32.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 28, wherein said digital content is content contained in digital television transmissions.

33.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 28, wherein said digital content is content downloaded from the Internet.

34.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 28, wherein said descrambling and re-scrambling steps are carried out in a first conditional access unit.

35.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 28, wherein said descrambling step is carried out in a first conditional access unit, and said re-scrambling step is carried out in a second conditional access unit.

36.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 28, wherein said descrambling step comprises:
        means for extracting a descrambling key included in said program data; and
        means for applying said descrambling key to said digital content in a scrambled format to provide said digital content in a descrambled format.

37.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 28, wherein said descrambling key is used to re-scramble said digital content.

38.   (Original) A copy management system for controlling the recording and reproduction of digital content comprising:
        means for receiving a digital bitstream including program data, said program data including system information and said digital content in a scrambled format;
        means for descrambling said digital content in a scrambled format to provide a first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

means for outputting said first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

means for outputting a second output including said digital content in a scrambled format;

means for receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the scrambled program;

means for selecting at least one of the access requirements;

means for storing the scrambled program data and the selected at least one access requirement.

39.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 38, further comprising means for receiving and recording said digital content of said second output in a scrambled format.

40.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 38, further comprising:

means for demultiplexing said digital content from said program data; and

means for decompressing said digital content in a descrambled format to a decompressed state.

41.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 38, wherein said decompressing is executed in an MPEG decoder.

42.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 38, wherein said digital content is content contained in digital television transmissions.

43.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 38, wherein said digital content is downloaded from the Internet.

44.   (Original) The copy management system of claim 38, wherein said means for descrambling comprises:

means for extracting a descrambling key included in said program data; and

means for applying said descrambling key to said digital content in a scrambled format to provide said digital content in a descrambled format.

45.   (Original) A system for storing a scrambled digital program comprising:

means for receiving the scrambled program;

means for receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the scrambled program;

means for selecting at least one of the access requirements;

means for storing the scrambled program and the selected at least one access requirement.

46.   (Original) The system of claim 45, wherein each access requirement is included in a packet identifier (PID).

47.   (Original) The system of claim 45, further comprising means for filtering the selected access requirement with a filtering function that receives the plurality of access requirements at an input and permits the selected access requirement to pass to an output.

48.   (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein the output of the filtering function is delivered to an input of a digital storage medium.

49.   (Original) The system of claim 45, wherein the access requirements are selected from the group comprising pay per view, pay per time, impulse pay per view, time based historical, pay per time, repurchase of copy never movies, and personal scrambling.

50.   (Original) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a processing system, cause the system to perform a method for storing a scrambled digital program comprising:

receiving the scrambled program;

receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the scrambled program;

selecting at least one of the access requirements;

storing the scrambled program and the selected at least one access requirement.

51.   (Original) The medium of claim 50, wherein each access requirement is included in a packet identifier (PID).

52.   (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the instructions, when executed, further cause the system to perform filtering the selected access requirement with a filtering function that receives the plurality of access requirements at an input and permits the selected access requirement to pass to an output.

53.   (Original) The medium of claim 52, wherein the output of the filtering function is delivered to an input of a digital storage medium.

54.   (Original) The medium of claim 50, wherein the access requirements are selected from the group comprising pay per view, pay per time, impulse pay per view, time based historical, pay per time, repurchase of copy never movies, and personal scrambling.

55.   (Original) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a processing system, cause the system to perform a copy management method for controlling the recording and reproduction of digital content comprising:

receiving a digital bitstream including program data, said program data including system information and said digital content in a scrambled format;

descrambling said digital content in a scrambled format to provide a first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

re-scrambling said digital content in a descrambled format to provide a second output including said digital content in a re-scrambled format;

outputting said first output including said digital content in a descrambled format and a second output including said digital content in a re-scrambled format;

receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the program data;

selecting at least one of the access requirements;

storing the scrambled program data and the selected at least one access requirement.

56.   (Original) The medium of claim 55, wherein the instructions, when executed, further cause the system to perform receiving and recording said digital content of said second output in a scrambled format.

57.   (Original) The medium of claim 55, wherein the instructions, when executed, further cause the system to perform:

demultiplexing said digital content from said program data; and

decompressing said digital content in a descrambled format to a decompressed state.

58.   (Original) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a processing system, cause the system to perform a copy management method for controlling the recording and reproduction of digital content comprising:

receiving a digital bitstream including program data, said program data including system information and said digital content in a scrambled format;

descrambling said digital content in a scrambled format to provide a first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

outputting said first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

outputting a second output including said digital content in a scrambled format;

receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the scrambled program;

selecting at least one of the access requirements;

storing the scrambled program data and the selected at least one access requirement.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 24, 2004. A telephone conference was conducted between the Examiner and supervising Examiner on May 17, 2004. The discussion involved on subject matter of the arguments set forth below.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 5, 23-24, 27, 45-46, 49-51 and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wasilewski (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,719). In addition, claims 3-4, 6-9, 16-19, 22, 25-26, 28-31, 36, 38-41, 44, 47-48, 52-53, and 55-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wasilewski in view of Muratani (U.S. Patent No. 6,061,451). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

As the Examiner is aware, Wasilewski describes a system for limiting access to broadcast information. A CATV company or satellite television company provides its subscribers with information from a number of services. For example, the History Channel is a "service" that provides television programs about history. Each program provided by the particular service, such as the History Channel for example, is considered to be an "instance" for that service. *See Col. 4, lines 18-28 of Wasilewski.*

The instance is encrypted before being broadcasted to a large number of set top boxes (113_0-113_N). The encrypted instance (105) contains instance data (109), the encrypted information making up the program, and entitlement control messages (107). The entitlement control messages "ECM" (107) contain information needed to decrypt the encrypted instance data (109). *See Col. 4, lines 28-40 of Wasilewski.* The contents of the ECM (107) are changed every few seconds, or more frequently. *See Col. 4, lines 39-40 of Wasilewski.* Based on our review of Wasilewski (Col. 4, lines 52-55; Fig. 1), the ECM is not stored with the scrambled program. Rather, the ECM is used in combination with the previously stored authorization information (121) to produce a control word (117), which is used to decrypt the instance data (109) of the encrypted instance (105).

I. §102(E) REJECTION

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 5, 23-24, 27, 45-46, 49-51 and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wasilewski. Applicant points out that the rejection cannot be a §102(b) rejection because the subject application was filed prior to the issuance of Wasilewski. The rejection will be treated as a §102(e) rejection. Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding §102(e) rejection in its entirely because a *prima facie* case of anticipation has not been established.

As the Examiner is aware, a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is described, either expressly or inherently, in a single prior art reference. *See Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987); *See also MPEP § 2131.* Herein, Wasilewski does not describe each and every element set forth in claims 1-2, 5, 23-24, 27, 45-46, 49-51 and 54.

According to page 2 of the Office Action, it is alleged that <u>Wasilewski</u> discloses the following limitations:

1) each program provided by a particular channel is an "instance" of that service; and
2) ECM is an access requirement.

With accordance with independent claims 1, 23, 45 and 50, the limitation of the "scrambled program" has been interpreted as an instance (e.g., a program for particular channel). *See Page 2 of the Office Action.* Moreover, the limitation of receiving a plurality of access requirements allegedly constitutes ECMs. *See Page 2 of the Office Action.* However, <u>Wasilewski</u> does not disclose the storage of the scrambled program (encrypted instance) and the ECM (considered to be the "access requirement"). In contrast, authorization information (121) from an enhancement management mode (EMM) is stored in the set-top box, not the ECM (107). The ECM (107) is extracted from the encrypted instance (105) and routed to the control word generator (119), which produces a control word (117) used to decrypt the instance data (109) of the encrypted instance (105).

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the §102(e) rejection. In the event that the Examiner disagrees that the claims are in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to address the limitations associated with each independent claim since these claims may differ slightly in wording and claim breadth.

II.   §103(A) REJECTION

In the Office Action, claims 3-4, 6-9, 16-19, 22, 25-26, 28-31, 36, 38-41, 44, 47-48, 52-53, and 55-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over <u>Wasilewski</u> in view of <u>Muratani</u>. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established.

When evaluating a claim for determining obviousness, *all* limitations of the claim must be evaluated. *In re Fine*, 873 F.2d 1071, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988)(Emphasis added). Herein, neither <u>Wasilewski</u> nor <u>Muratani</u>, alone or in combination, suggest every limitation set forth in the above-identified claims. For instance, none of these references describes or suggests "[means for] storing the scrambled program data and the selected at least one access requirement" as set forth in independent claims 6, 16, 28, 38, 55 and 58.

Moreover, the Office Action is devoid of any support for many of the limitations set forth in the independent claims, such as for example:

Claim 6: None of these references describes or suggests "re-scrambling said digital content in a descrambled format to provide a second output"; and

"outputting said first output including said digital content in a descrambled format
and a second output including said digital content in a re-scrambled format."

Claim 16: None of these references describes or suggests "outputting said first output
including said digital content in a descrambled format"; and "outputting a second output
including said digital content in a scrambled format."

Claim 28: None of these references describes or suggests "means for re-scrambling said
digital content in a descrambled format to provide a second output including said digital content
in a re-scrambled format"; and "means for outputting said first output including said digital
content in a descrambled format and a second output including said digital content in a re-
scrambled format."

Claim 38: None of these references describes or suggests "means for outputting said first
output including said digital content in a descrambled format; means for outputting a second
output including said digital content in a scrambled format."

Claim 55: None of these references describes or suggests "re-scrambling said digital
content in a descrambled format to provide a second output including said digital content in a re-
scrambled format"; and "outputting said first output including said digital content in a
descrambled format and a second output including said digital content in a re-scrambled format."

Claim 58: None of these references describes or suggests "outputting said first output
including said digital content in a descrambled format; outputting a second output including said
digital content in a scrambled format."

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw
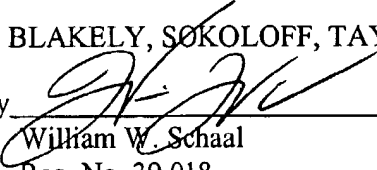the outstanding §103(a) rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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